

# NORWAY IN DESPERATE PLIGHT FOR FOOD SINCE PLACING OF EMBARGO

(Correspondence Associated Press.)  
CHRISTIANIA, Nov. 14.—The food situation in Norway has grown from bad to worse, especially since the American embargo was imposed. So long as the commercial relations could be maintained between Norway and the United States, the import of food was about big enough to meet the consumers' demand. Except for the steadily increasing prices of all articles of food everything could be bought as before, the only form of rationing being sugar, which could be bought from government stores two pounds at a time.

As a matter of fact, the government, and especially the food minister, had been too optimistic. When cablegrams from Washington stated that the American government was going to place an embargo on different articles the answer from the Norwegian government to the press, asking how this would affect Norway, was that it only meant that Norway should guarantee that nothing would be re-exported to Germany, and then Norway would get all it needed.

At last, during the last two months it has dawned on the government that Uncle Sam means business and that Norway cannot expect special favors as a favorite friend.

After the importation of grain and flour stopped the government established a grain monopoly, taking

charge of all grain imported and produced here. The farmers are not allowed to sell their crops to anyone but the government and at a fixed price. The nation will be put on flour or bread rations, every person, adult or child being allowed 25 pounds of bread monthly, or 16 pounds of unsifted flour. The people, however, are instructed to mix potatoes in the bread dough. With this year's crop and the imported grain in storage, Norway has enough flour until February or March. It is hoped here that the United States will grant export licenses for some of the grain bought there by Norwegian importers and the Norwegian government which now is ready for shipment.

Norway is dependent on imported sugar, as no sugar is produced here. The consumption of sugar is still unlimited. Candy factories turn out as much candy as before and no sugar card is in use here, as in Sweden.

Last summer an ordinance was passed putting motor vehicles and motor craft on rations of gasoline. The result was that automobiles were used more freely than ever. The American embargo again forced the authorities to action and the sale of gasoline for use in private cars was entirely stopped, beginning October 1. Taxicabs were only permitted to operate from 6 a. m. to 8

p. m. and the streets in the city are now as quiet and free from noise as they were twenty years ago.

The supply of kerosene is becoming very low with no prospect of replacement. For fishers this is disastrous, as all along the coast they are using kerosene-driven motor-boats. The country population and the poor people in the cities using kerosene for light and cooking are hard hit, as every family is only allowed two gallons a month.

The scarcity of fat is felt more and more every day. The majority of the population have been using margarine instead of butter, but now that the raw stuffs for this product are not allowed to be exported from the United States, the margarine production is reduced every week. Grocers have been forced to put their customers on allowance, nobody receiving more than a pound at once. Norway is facing a fat shortage and the nation will have to be rationed.

As for fuel, the people are put on rations, except those who can take care of themselves and afford to pay the prices for coal and coke imported from Great Britain.

Everybody asks, "Why does not the government entirely stop exports if thereby more favorable importing conditions can be established with the allies?" But no official answer is given.

## EDUCATOR WOULD CHANGE METHODS OF TEACHING IN NATION'S RURAL SCHOOLS

(By Associated Press.)

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 4.—An appeal for rural schools to give more attention to subjects of agriculture, drawing and painting, music, moral and physical, education, industrial and household arts education and citizenship was made by Dr. Edwin J. Snyder, commissioner of vocational education, addressing the rural problems conference in session here.

A large proportion of the people of the United States live in farm homes and are engaged in farm occupation," he said, "but while the farmers' children nearly all secure experience in doing household duties and farm work, few of them actually secure experience such as housekeepers and farmers secure."

He urged training in household economics for the girls, and in gardening, farming and animal husbandry projects for all of the boys and for girls who may be interested. Painting and drawing would enable the children to interpret rural life, he said.

"Music is woefully neglected," the speaker continued, "pupils of the rural schools having no adequate voice training."

"The occupations of a farmer are not conducive to an all-round physical development, and the amount of labor and long hours of service required of farm children make it necessary that provision be made for physical exercises and free play which will give a rounded development."

Dr. Snyder criticized some of the

methods of teaching United States history. "Too often," he said, "the methods resulted in developing a hatred of peoples rather than a hatred of bad principles of government, and a love of heroics rather than a love of democratic principles."

In discussing the question of a high school education for all country boys and girls without severing home ties, which was the topic assigned to him, Dr. Snyder said: "California already, by its liberal state and county aid to high schools, has succeeded in giving to each local community of the state that could boast of a backer's dozen of high school pupils a high school of its own."

### BIG CAR STRIKE.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PAUL, Dec. 3.—Automobile loads of home guards followed street cars at the resumption of service today. Service was abandoned last night after a score of cars had been wrecked by union sympathizers. The dispute is over unionization.

### DROP GERMAN COURSES.

(By Associated Press.)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 3.—The commissioner of secondary education today announced that German has been dropped from the courses of thirty high schools of the state of California.

Hot Tom and Jerry at the Bank Buffet.

### BUSINESS FAVORS

#### PRICE CONTROL

With a view to crystallizing business opinion on questions of price control, both in food and other commodities, the United States Chamber of Commerce recently submitted seven resolutions to business organizations throughout the country with a request that they be voted upon. The result was an almost overwhelming vote of business men in favor of price control, as will be seen by the resolutions themselves with figures of the vote.

1. That additional legislation be passed to create authority to control prices during the war. In favor, 974; opposed, 116.

2. That authority to control prices should extend to all articles which have importance in basic industries as well as in war, and which enter into the necessities of every-day life. In favor, 978; opposed, 116.

3. That authority to control prices should extend to raw materials and finished products. In favor, 977; opposed, 117.

4. That authority to control prices should extend to the prices the public pays as well as those paid by the government. In favor, 946; opposed, 146.

5. That authority to control prices should be administered by a small executive board appointed by the president. In favor, 964; opposed, 121.

6. That an agency working in harmony with the board controlling prices should have authority to distribute available supplies to those purchasers whose needs are most directly related to public welfare. In favor, 975; opposed, 117.

7. That each leading industry and trade should create a representative committee to represent it in conference and to advise with agencies that control prices and distribution. In favor, 984; opposed, 97.

### CANADIAN LOAN.

TORONTO, Canada, Dec. 4.—Canada's subscriptions to the Victory Loan will exceed \$400,000,000, it was announced at a mass meeting last night.

# TROTSKY ISSUES "WARNING" ON FRENCH AND AMERICAN LETTERS

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.—The text of the note which Major Kerth, the military attaché, sent to General Dukhonin under instructions from Ambassador Francis, protesting on the part of the United States against the negotiations for an armistice between Russia and Germany follows: "In accordance with instructions from my government, given by the American ambassador at Petrograd, I have the honor to inform you that owing to the carrying on of a war by

the United States in alliance with Russia, which has as its basis the struggle of democracy against autocracy, my government decidedly and energetically protests against any separate armistice which may be made by Russia.

"I request your excellency to give a written acknowledgment of the receipt of this declaration."

Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, has issued a warning with reference to American and

French communications to General Dukhonin, whom the new government recently deposed as commander-in-chief of the armies. He says:

"Major Kerth's action is still more inexplicable since the head of the American war mission (Lieutenant Colonel Judson) made quite another declaration, that Americans do not desire to interfere with the settlement of any Russian problems whatsoever. It is to be hoped that Major Kerth and others will take note of these words and be guided by them."

## GREAT INCREASE IN STOCK GRAZED IN FOREST RESERVE DESPITE BIG FIRES

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.—Despite fires, storms and other adverse circumstances, which decreased the national forests in California by 171,600 acres, the United States forest service presents figures showing a striking increase in cattle, horses, sheep and goats grazed during the fiscal year ending June 30 over the preceding year. The increase was brought about by the service in order that it might "do its bit" in food conservation, and a record is promised for the present fiscal year.

In the fiscal year of 1916-17 204,935 cattle and horses and 465,752 sheep and goats were grazed in national forests in the state, as compared with 193,668 cattle and horses and 417,052 sheep and goats during the fiscal year 1915-16. The decreased acreage was more than made up by the attractive terms offered stockmen and the unusually excellent grazing in Lassen, Shasta, Trinity,

Calaveras, Plumas and the northern coast counties.

Another factor which helped greatly in increased grazing was the construction of roads and trails, which opened up new grazing areas, and the construction of other improvements such as drift fences and corrals. The intensive campaign of the forest service to induce stockmen to increase their flocks and herds was the biggest single factor, however, in increasing this particular food source.

Under the regulations of the forest service the grazing lands in the national forests are allotted to stockmen upon the payment of certain fees based upon the number of head grazed. Lands allotted must be used only by the stock of the year to whom they are allotted and care is taken to see that the range is not deteriorated through too close grazing or that injury is not done to the young timber.

battle between Mexican cattle bandits and American soldiers there Friday, one soldier was killed, one wounded and a Mexican river guard in the employ of the United States also was wounded. A number of bandits are reported to have been killed.

### PEOPLE LEASE COAL MINE.

(By Associated Press.)

SUOKANE, Wyo., Dec. 4.—As a partial solution of the high cost of living, an organization in this city known as the Associated Benevolent, fraternal, church and labor organizations, has taken steps to lease a coal mine near Missoula, Mont., to provide fuel for this winter. Plans also have been made to obtain a 600-acre tract of burned-over land in this state, where it is estimated 6,000 cords of dead wood are standing.

The organization has been buying foodstuffs and fuel in wholesale quantities and distributing them to its members for some time, and it is planned now to secure a warehouse in the city to handle flour and feed by the carload.

Jones' pure apple cider at Hall Liquor company. Just arrived. Six bits a gallon. advN23tf

## NEGOTIATE TO PREVENT EXPORTATION OF GOLD

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Frederick L. Kent, vice-president of the Bankers Trust company of New York, has been appointed by the federal reserve board to have charge of investigating, supervising and authorizing foreign exchange transactions, a duty recently delegated to the board under the trading with the enemy act.

The reserve board is negotiating with several governments which have trade balances against the United States in an effort to adjust exchange rates by foreign investments in this country or other means to avoid gold exportation, which is permitted only on license by the board. Acquisition of a quantity of British Indian rupee exchange for American importers, announced yesterday, was one of the first definite accomplishments of the board along this line.

### BICYCLE RACE.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Fifteen of the world's leading professional cyclists began the annual 6-day race at Madison Square Garden last evening. This, the twenty-fifth renewal of the event, will be the first to go the full six days, as it will not be concluded until midnight next Saturday.

Cash prizes to be awarded amount to \$16,000.

### BANDITS KILL U. S. SOLDIER.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 3.—A report reaching here from LaFeria, in Cameron county, says that in a

## EXPOSE SECRET BULGARIA OFFER

RUSS PRINT CORRESPONDENCE IN WHICH OFFERS WERE MADE TO WIN HER HELP.

(By Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Dec. 4.—The demands of Bulgaria for territorial gains, for the consideration of which a conference of the central powers was called at Nish, are outlined in a secret telegram from the charge d'affaires at Berne to the foreign office. The telegram is dated September 23, 1917, and is based on information received from a Turkish officer who had just arrived in Berne.

Bulgaria, the telegram said, demanded that her boundaries be from Moravia to the junction of the Danube, including Nish, Serbia; along the line from Nish to Prishtina and along the Upper Vardar river to the Albanian and Greek frontier; also Monastir, Saloniki, Seres, Drama, Kavala, with the frontier reaching the sea. The whole of Dobruja (Rumania) also was demanded.

Claims from a Bulgarian source corroborate the foregoing, with an additional demand for the valley of the Timoka (separating Serbia and Bulgaria), together with the towns of Pirot and Vranja (Serbia).

A dispatch from the charge d'affaires at Berne, dated September 22, 1917, relates a conversation between the Archimandrite Stephen and a British diplomat to whom he was introduced, but who refused to give his name. The Briton is quoted as having spoken of making use of Japanese and Greek forces and as declaring that the allies had decided again to show their good intentions towards Bulgaria, whose national aims, he said, could be fulfilled by the entente. Archimandrite Stephen was given to understand that the entente would not insist on the removal of King Ferdinand.

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### SELLING LIVE STOCK:

(By Associated Press.)

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 4.—Because of a lack of feed and water, Montana stockgrowers are disposing of a large part of their live stock. Charles Long, stock superintendent for a trans-continental railroad, declared here recently.

Fully 60 per cent more live stock has been shipped from Montana to eastern markets this season than a year ago, he said, and there will be a big demand for animals to replenish the herds in the spring.

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